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EDITORIAL

"Jobs Are Open"

For two weeks the Ontario Government has been advertising the fact that jobs are open for men on Ontario farms. It will be interesting to learn just how many applications are received for these jobs. But the most encouraging part is the fact that there is the need for advertising for men to fill the positions. For the past years such advertising has not been common and the usual thing has been that more men applied than there were jobs open. Now it appears that there is opportunities for all to work. True, many men may find it hard to adapt themselves to farm work conditions at first, but a willingness to learn any work is the prime factor, and most anyone is glad to assist the man who exhibits the willingness to do his best. After years of scarcity of work, jobs are now open. Those advertisements are good news.

Saving a Minute

The Minneapolis police—so we are told by the Winnipeg Tribune—wanted to know just how much time a motorist could save by driving through the city regardless of traffic rules, taking reckless chances. They chose a five-mile route through the city streets. On the first run the car was driven through stop signs passed, cars on the wrong side, greatly exceeded the thirty-mile speed limit, and the driver "comported himself like a feather-brained idiot rushing to a class reunion." Then, the same driver went over the route a second time. He stayed within the speed limit, obeyed all traffic signals, drove safely and sanely, showed caution and courtesy. When the records were checked it was found that the difference in the time of the two runs was five minutes. In other words, by driving like a lunatic, by disregarding the obligations of public safety, a driver was able to save one minute per mile. The inept driver would cause greater peril and probably save even less time. — From the Ottawa Journal.

The Country Weekly

That weekly community newspapers throughout Canada are performing an important function is so well known that it scarcely needs to be repeated here. The best of these country weeklies are giving such a fine service in local news that they are being closely read by the people of the community—and this is a service that large metropolitan newspapers cannot possibly give in these localities. This judgment is backed by no less an authority than Alfred P. Sloan, President of General Motors Corporation, who recently made the statement that the community weekly was the most thoroughly read consumer's newspaper in the United States.

One Canadian weekly reports that a large Canadian food corporation also paid a nice compliment to the conclusion that the small community paper offered a most effective advertising medium from the standpoint of the country district consumer. It declared that a recent advertising campaign conducted in these newspapers had proved this fact as the resulting sales per capita were much greater than those obtained from similar campaigns in daily papers in larger centres. The cost, too, was much less in the weeklies.

The main factor in holding subscribers and advertising is Reader Interest, and it is on this that the value of any newspaper is judged. The well edited country weeklies are giving the local news which is of first interest to the community and based on this yardstick, Canada has a great many good ones.—Canadian Grocer.

Passing On

That the Y.M.C.A. in Acton is an institution the value to the community of which is acknowledged is shown by the substantial donation reported at the Board meeting last week. An Actonian, who prefers to remain anonymous, has provided sufficient funds which allow with those given by three local women's organizations, and another citizen, the completion of the social room in connection with the building. Already plans have taken definite shape to have this room completed before the opening of the fall season.

Only the years of the future will see the benefits materialize to the young folks of this community. Many of these will never be known. Investments have been made in the young folk of to-day. Those of other years made investments and sacrifices to give us to-day some extra advantages. And so the circle goes on and these young folk who secure present day advantage must pass on to those who follow if this old world is to be improved.

Ladies?

All the women and girls in Acton are certainly not ladies. We make that statement with plenty of evidence to back it up. The editor happens to be a member of the Building Committee of the Y.M.C.A. and the public lavatories are a part of this building, maintained by the municipality of Acton. Repairs and painting are done at this time of year, and last year the walls of these public conveniences were nicely painted. The condition of the walls, the filthy writing, and general appearance of the room, which bears a sign on the outer door "Ladies," certainly shows that ladies are not the ones who loiter here.

These walls are a disgrace to the womanhood of this community and at the same time a challenge to all institutions in the community for an improvement in the thoughts and deportment of the young folks of Acton. Mothers of Acton would do well to see this evidence, as depicted in a public place and make diligent inquiry of their children if they are guilty of any of the writing on these walls. Don't take our word for it, the evidence is for all to read, and it is certainly no credit to Acton girls for such evidence to be emblazoned to the world.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Some of the 1937 motor license plates are not holding their color. The Department will supply new ones for the faded plates.

Home improvements are putting many back to work and restoring many properties where improvements had been delayed as long as possible.

We overheard this remark on Saturday afternoon at the Park: "All the donkey baseball isn't played with real live donkeys." Apparently an unsatisfied customer.

Bank debits to individual accounts at the clearing house centres of Canada during April totalled \$3,376,200,540 compared with \$2,773,756,280 in April a year ago.

Canada's exports of meat during April were valued at \$2,825,995, compared with \$1,843,245 in April, 1936. Bacon and hams accounted for \$2,232,591 of the total.

Most folks around here are waiting patiently to see some "concrete" evidence of the second line becoming one of the King's Highways. A definite start was very definitely promised for this summer.

In the past six years unemployment has cost Canada \$800,000,000. Just how long can such expenditure go on is the question many are asking. Certainly the prospects for lowering of taxation are remote.

Premier Hepburn has given his approval to the Grand liver conservation project. Looks as if Editor Hugh Templin was about to lose one of his favorite editorial subjects. But then, Ottawa has to be convinced yet.

Why not a tax day to secure funds for those facilities so badly needed at Fairy Lake? We believe everyone would want to help with such a project. A nickel from each of 2,000 folks would raise a hundred dollars.

Australia is doing well. In 1932 its unemployed totalled 30 per cent. of the population; now it is down to 8.4 per cent., about normal; and in Western Australia has fallen to 3.4 per cent. This is a definite turning of the depression corner.—Globe and Mail.

Lowered over a 200-foot cliff in the dark to rescue a terrier, a fisherman of England's historic Bridport refused to accept a reward, "because he thought a dog's friendship could not be assessed in money." "I have a dog of my own," he said, "and I know the friendship they can give. I want no reward." Or as one philosopher has said, "When I see what certain types of human beings are doing in and to this world, I feel like going home and apologizing to my dog."—Halifax Herald.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 20th

JOSEPH'S KINDNESS TO HIS KINDEED

Golden Text.—Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you.—Ephesians 4: 32.

Lesson Text.—Genesis 46: 1-7, 28; 30: 50: 24-26.
Time.—1827-1875 B. C. Place.—En route for Egypt and Pharaoh's court.
Exposition.—I. Israel Goes to Egypt, 1-7.

Here we have the account of Jacob going down into Egypt to enjoy the hospitality of his long lost son. This was a tremendous journey for an old man to undertake, but once again Jacob received direct intimation that Jehovah was directing his affairs and shaping his destiny as it seemed good in His sight. Joseph's father and brethren had come to Egypt by Pharaoh's personal invitation (ch. 45: 16-19), but in spite of this Joseph might have been tempted to have been ashamed of his father, who was a plain countryman, and his brethren (who were not an altogether reputable crowd) in the midst of the splendor of Pharaoh's court. The greatness of his character comes out in that he was not at all ashamed of them, but brought them not only to Egypt but into the presence of the king (cf. ch. 45: 31). Joseph was not ashamed of his father, and our Joseph is not ashamed of us, though He might well be (Heb. 2: 10, 11). They had stopped in the land of Goshen because it was near Joseph (ch. 45: 10), because they would thus be separated from unnecessary contact with the Egyptians (v. 34), and because of the superiority of the soil (v. 6). What a wonderful day for these shepherds when they were presented to the great Pharaoh (v. 2). But a greater day is coming when our Joseph shall present us faultless before the King of kings (John 24).

II. Joseph Not Ashamed of His Father, 28-30.

Pharaoh does not seem to have been much impressed with Joseph's brethren. There was, in fact, nothing in us to commend us to God except the fact that we are Christ's brethren. For Joseph's sake Pharaoh was ready to do the best he could for them. Not only were they to dwell "in the best of the land," but "if there were capable men among them they were to be put in positions of influence. The 12 seems to have looked rather large in Pharaoh's mind, and probably with good occasion. It was a generous thing to say, "The land of Egypt is before thee." God, for Christ's sake, says more than that to us (1 Cor. 3: 22; Romans 8: 28; Phil. 4: 19; 2 Cor. 9: 8). The aged shepherd patriarch Jacob must have seemed insignificant in comparison with the great Pharaoh, but in reality Jacob was the greater of the two (v. 7; cf. Heb. 7: 7). Jacob conferred more upon Pharaoh by his blessing than Pharaoh conferred upon him by opening the whole land to him. For all his faults and failures, Jacob was a man who knew God. In answer to Pharaoh's question, "How many are the days of thy life?" (R. V.), Jacob answered, "The days of the years of my pilgrimage." He had caught the truth that our earthly life is but a pilgrimage. The Bible men of God always walked in the consciousness of this truth (1 Chron. 29: 15; Ps. 20, 12; 119: 10, 54). It permeates the New Testament as well as the Old (2 Cor. 5: 6; Heb. 11: 9-16; 13: 14; 1 Peter 2: 11), but modern Christians seem to have largely lost sight of it. If Christians more fully realized the pilgrim character of our present life, they would not be so disturbed by "rumors of war" and fears of its havoc (cf. Phil. 3: 20, 21, R. V.). We try to strike our roots too deeply into this present life and its present age. One hundred and thirty years seems a long life to us, but it is short indeed when it is done—long only by comparison with the average modern life and short to Jacob even by comparison with the lives of his ancestors (cf. ch. 5: 27; 11: 11, 24, 25; 25: 7, 8; 35: 28). The longest life is but a handbreadth on the scale of eternity, a vapor that soon vanishes away (Jas. 4: 14; Ps. 90: 3-10). There are a few lessons that we to-day need more than that of learning to so number our days so that "we may get us a heart of wisdom" (Ps. 90: 12, R. V.). Jacob blessed Pharaoh, thus showing that, for all Pharaoh's exalted position, he, Jacob, was really the greater (Heb. 7: 7). One whom God has chosen, no matter how humble, is greater than any early king. Having blessed Pharaoh, Jacob went out from his presence but he did not go out from a greater presence than that of the King of kings. Here again we see Joseph as a type of Christ, feeding his brethren and sustaining them in life in the midst of all dangers (cf. John 10: 10, 28). His heart was now satisfied—he had them with him. And the great longing of our Joseph's heart is to have us with Him in the place which He has gone before to prepare for us (John 14: 2, 3; 17: 24). Even during His absence we may have Him with us in a very real sense (John 14: 23). He fed his brethren on the fat of the land (v. 11). And so does our Joseph feed us. In nourishing his father he was anticipating that portion of the Messianic law which was especially emphasized by Jesus Christ (Eph. 20: 12; cf. Matt. 15: 4-6; 1 Tim. 5: 8).

III. Dead—Yet Speaking, 50: 24-27.
Joseph may have foreseen the afflictions that would come upon his kinsmen after he was gone. At any rate, he made provision that even in death he should be a continued source of blessing.

Chosen Annapolis Blossom Queen



A student of Acadia University, Gwladys Harris, of Wolfville, N.S., is shown after she had been crowned Queen Annapolis V at the fifth annual Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival. The Hon. J. L. Hiley (right), Minister of National Revenue in the Nova Scotia cabinet, presented Miss Harris with the Golden Apple, symbol of her reign over the greatest apple orchard belt in the British Empire. Miss Harris will be the guest of honor next year of the Queen of the Shenandoah Valley Apple Blossom Festival in Virginia. It is also expected she will represent Canada at the Imperial Fruit Show in England this fall.

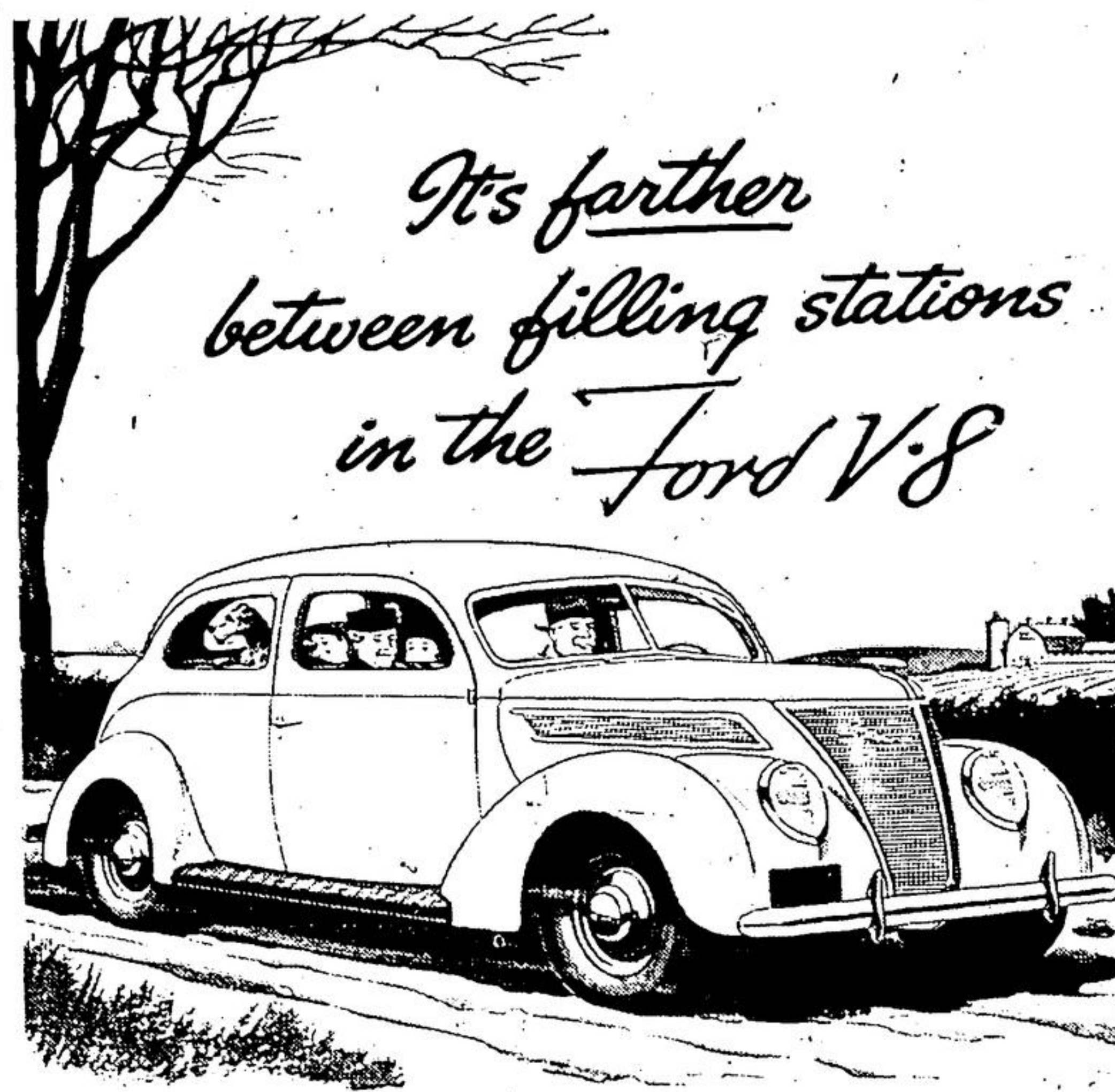
FISHERIES EXPORTS EXCEED \$25,000,000

Canada's export trade in fisheries products amounted to \$25,358,150 in 1936, an increase of more than \$500,000 compared with 1935. Exports of fisheries products to the United States had a value of approximately \$12,910,000, an increase of \$2,595,000 over the preceding year, while shipments to the United Kingdom were valued at approximately \$5,748,500, a decrease of \$997,000.

One of the outstanding items entering into the big gain in the year's business with the United States was the exportation of 98,860 cwt. of live lobsters valued at more than \$2,100,000. Among other products shipped to the United States' market in increased quantities were fresh and frozen salmon, halibut, whitefish, swordfish, and lake trout, salted alewives, and whale oil. The chief fisheries commodities Canada sells to Britain are canned salmon from British Columbia and canned lobsters from the Atlantic provinces. Canned salmon shipments during the past year totalled 179,860 cwt., valued at \$2,460,100, while shipments of canned lobster amounted to 18,740 cwt., valued at \$385,000.

Unrevised reports show the total 1936 catch for the five sea fisheries provinces—British Columbia, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia—as approximately 9,800,000 cwt., and the total landed value was more than \$16,600,000.

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